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FM AMEMBASSY MANAMA BAHRAIN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1067

INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI UAE PRIORITY

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AMEMBASSY JIDDA SAUDI ARABIA PRIORITY

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SUBJECT : TRI-NATION NAVAL EXERCISE ARYA 1974

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1. EMBASSY PERCEIVES NOTHING ON THE DOMESTIC BAHRAIN POLITICAL
SCENE TO JUSTIFY WITHHOLDING POITICAL CONCURRENCE FROM
NAVAL EXERCISE ARYA 74. IRAN SEEMS NOT REPEAT NOT TO BE
FEAREDW

IRAN-IRAQ BORDER CLASHES HAVE HAD LITTLE IMPACT HERE
AND ALLEGED USG MACHINATIONS AGAINST ABU DHABI ARE NOT GIVEN
ANY CREDIBILITY.

2. IT DOES OCCUR TO US, HOWEVER, THAT IF ARYA 74 AND PARTICU-
LARLY THE ROLE OF MIDEASTFOR IN IT, ARE HIGHLY PUBLICIZED THERE
MAY WELL BE SOME ADVERSE REACTION ON THE WIDER ARAB SCENE
THAT WOULD COMPLICATE THE PROBLEM OF RETAINING OUR NAVAL
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PRESENCE ON BAHRAIN. WE THEREFORE HOPE EFFORTS WILL BE

MADE TO KEEP PUBLICITY TO A MINIMUM.
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